

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

17 April 1979

National Intelligence Officers

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NFAC
VIA: Deputy Director, NFAC JH (OK)
FROM: STAT
SUBJECT: Proposed Meeting of Academics and USG
Representatives to Consider the State
of Sino-Soviet Relations

1. Action Requested: That you approve the recommendation outlined in paragraph 5, below.

2. Background: Since the last NIE on Sino-Soviet Relations dates back to 1974, and a number of significant developments have occurred (e.g., US-PRC normalization), I therefore believe it would be useful for us to take a broad look at the current state of Sino-Soviet relations before proceeding with the drafting of a new NIE on this subject. To this end, I suggest that we invite a number of academics prominent in the field of Sino-Soviet relations to meet with interested USG officials to go over the current state of these relations and to take a tentative look at the future. This would enable us to clarify our own thinking, and give us a sounder basis to the actual drafting of the new NIE.

3. I would envisage a rather modest group, consisting of 6 or so academics and perhaps a somewhat larger number of USG officials, who would spend approximately one full working day on the subject. Academics might include Ken Lieberthal of Swarthmore College, Dick Solomon from RAND, Tom Bernstein from Columbia, Bob Scalapino from UC, Berkeley, Harry Harding from Stanford, and Bill Hyland from Georgetown. On the USG

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side we would have the NIOs for China and the Soviet Union and their assistants, Mike Oksenberg from the NSC if available, OPA and OER representatives, plus representatives from State/INR and DIA. Although some of the academics might have appropriate clearances, I would anticipate discussions would be based upon materials in the public domain. If at all possible, it might be useful to schedule a DCI dinner while the academics are in town for the meeting.

4. In order to bring the academics to Washington, we would require funds sufficient to cover travel and per diem. This would involve air travel to and from Washington plus maximal per diem allowable, for the academics only. USG personnel would all be from the Washington area, and would not incur any expenses. If possible, I would like to incur the costs of a luncheon which [redacted] and I would host out of DCI funds.

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5. Recommendation: That you approve:

a. The convening of a meeting of academics and USG officials to consider Sino-Soviet relations;

b. The expenditure of sufficient funds to cover travel and per diem expenses of the academics to be invited.

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cc: NIO/USSR-EE

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